

Application No.: 09/874,510**Docket No.: JCLA9803****IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 (original) A selective hopping method for hit avoidance in a frequency hopping spread spectrum communication system utilizing an original hopping sequence, the communications system having a plurality of available channels for receiving signal packet traffic utilizing a plurality of receiving signal slots, the plurality of available channels all being available for use in frequency hopping according to the steps of (1) to